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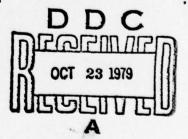
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#### 20. Abstract

Pursuant to Public Law 92-367, Phase I Inspection Reports are prepared under guidance contained in the recommended guidelines for safety inspection of dams, published by the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D. C. 20314. The purpose of a Phase I investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general conditions of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigation and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I investigation; however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

Based upon the field conditions at the time of the field inspection and all available engineering data, the Phase I report addresses the hydraulic, hydrologic, geologic, geotechnic, and structural aspects of the dam. The engineering techniques employed give a reasonably accurate assessment of the conditions of the dam. It should be realized that certain engineering aspects cannot be fully analyzed during a Phase I inspection. Assessment and remedial measures in the report include the requirements of additional indepth study when necessary.

Phase I reports include project information of the dam and appurtenences, all existing engineering data, operational procedures, hydraulic/hydrologic data of the watershed, dam stability, visual inspection report and an assessment including required remedial measures.

PHASE I INSPECTION REPORT NATIONAL DAM SAFETY PROGRAM

UPPER SOUTH LAKE DAM FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA INVENTORY NO. VA 05913

#### POTOMAC RIVER BASIN

Name of Dam: : Upper South Lake Dam

Location : Fairfax County

Inventory Number: VA 05913

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In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where the reservoir was lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can there be any chance that unsafe conditions be detected.

Phase I inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established guidelines, the spillway design flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (flood discharges that may be expected from the most severe combination of critical meteorologic and hydrologic conditions that are reasonably possible), or fractions thereof. Because of the magnitude and rarity of such a storm event, a finding that a spillway will not pass the design flood should not be interpreted as necessarily posing a highly inadequate condition. The design flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aide in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.

### PHASE I REPORT NATIONAL DAM SAFETY PROGRAM

#### BRIEF ASSESSMENT OF DAM

Name of Dam:

Upper South Lake Dam

State: County:

Stream:

Virginia Fairfax

USGS Quad Sheet:

Vienna, Virginia, Maryland Tributary to Snakeden Branch

Date of Inspection: May 30, 1979

Upper South Lake Dam is an earthfill structure 850 feet long and 55.7 feet high. The dam is in a housing development owned by Gulf Reston, Inc. in Reston, Virginia. It is used for recreational purposes and lake front development. The dam is classified as intermediate in size with a high hazard classification. The spillway is a 7-foot x 7-foot vertical shaft with a 4-foot x 4-foot box culvert through the dam.

Based on criteria established by the Department of the Army, Office of the Chief of Engineers (OCE), the Spillway Design Flood is the PMF. The spillway will pass 78% of the PMF without overtopping the dam. The PMF will overtop the dam by 0.6 feet and will cause flooding in the lower floors of the lake front houses. The spillway is therefore adjudged inadequate.

The visual inspection indicated that there was some erosion on the downstream slope which needs correction. Seepage was also noted in the embankment at the left abutment. A grouting program is currently in progress with the intent of eliminating the seepage. It is recommended that the owner, within 12 months, initiate a maintenance program to insure correction of the above items.

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# UPPER SOUTH LAKE DAM



Top of Dam



Downstream Face of Dam

# UPPER SOUTH LAKE DAM

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#### PROJECT INFORMATION

#### 1.1 General:

- 1.1.1 Authority: Public Law 92-367, 8 Aug 72 authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers to initiate a national program of safety inspections of dams throughout the United States. The Norfolk District has been assigned the responsibility of supervising the inspection of dams in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- 1.1.2 Purpose of Inspection: The purpsose is to conduct a Phase I Inspection according to the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams (Appendix VI, Reference 1.) The main responsibility is to expeditiously identify those dams which may be a potential hazard to human life or property.

#### 1.2 Project Description:

1.2.1 <u>Dam and Appurtenances</u>: Upper South Lake Dam is a homogeneous earth embankment 850 feet long and 55.7 feet high from the crest of the dam at elevation 350.77 to the toe of the dam at elevation 295.0. The slopes of the embankment are 3(H):1(V). The upstream slope has a 10-foot wide bench at elevation 341.5. The crest of the dam is 70 feet wide and a 4-lane curbed roadway is planned to run along its length.

The spillway consists of a 7-foot x 7-foot concrete riser structure with a crest elevation of 340.0. The inlet structure is opened on four sides to allow water to enter and each side is equipped with a bar screen to keep debris from flowing into the structure. A 4-foot x 4-foot concrete box culvert extends from the riser structure through the dam to the outlet channel. An 8-inch diameter drain pipe runs near the downstream toe of the dam and water from it is collected in an 8-inch ductile iron pipe which outlets to a manhole 170 feet downstream from the dam. There are two 24-inch diameter sluice gates in the riser structure at elevations 330 and 312.5.

- 1.2.2 <u>Location</u>: Upper South Lake Dam is in Reston, Virginia. The dam is about 0.5 miles south of the intersection of Sunrise Valley Drive and South Lake Drive.
- 1.2.3 <u>Size Classification</u>: The dam is classified as an intermediate size structure because of height (55.7 feet) and a maximum storage capacity (1406 acre feet.)

- 1.2.4 Hazard Classification: The dam is in the vicinity of homes both upstream and downstream. The lower floors of the lake front homes upstream from the dam will be flooded as water approaches the crest of the dam. Because of the potential property damage and loss of life, the hazard classification is high. This classification is in accordance with Section 2.1.2 of the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, published by the Department of the Army, Office of the Chief of Engineers. The hazard classification used to categorize the dams is a function of location only and has nothing to do with its stability or probability of failure.
- 1.2.5 Ownership: The Upper South Lake Dam is owned by Gulf Reston, Inc.
- 1.2.6 Purpose of Dam: The lake is used for recreational purposes.
- 1.2.7 Design and Construction History: The Upper South Lake Dam was designed by Massey Engineers of Fairfax, Virginia, in 1970 and constructed in 1971. There were construction control tests taken which indicated soil classification was ML-MH based on the Unified Soil Classification System. The dam was inspected by Schnabel Engineering Associates for a Phase I report in May 1978 and in December 1978 they also completed a Phase II report. Schnabel Engineering Associates' summary of conclusions and recommendations from their Phase I and II reports are included in Appendix V.
- 1.2.8 Normal Operating Procedures: The lake is used for recreation. The pool level is normally maintained at elevation 340.0, however, the level can be lowered manually to either elevation 330.0 or elevation 312.5 by opening one or both of the 24-inch diameter sluice gates.

#### 1.3 Pertinent Data:

1.3.3 <u>Drainage Area:</u> The dam controls a drainage area of 0.6 square miles.

#### 1.3.2 Discharge at Dam Site:

Maximum Flood - Unknown.

Spillway pool level at top of dam . . . . . . . . . . 422 c.f.s.

1.3.3 Dam and Reservoir Data: Pertinent data on the dam and reservoir are shown in the following table:

Table 1.1 DAM AND RESERVOIR DATA

		Reservoir			
	Elevation			Capacity	
Item	feet m.s.1.	Area acres	Acre feet	Watershed inches	Length miles
Top of Dam	350.77	72	1,406	44	0.7
Spillway Crest	340.00	40	813	25	0.4
Streambed at the toe of dam	295 <u>+</u>				

#### ENGINEERING DATA

- 2.1 <u>Design</u>: The available information, in the office of the owner, consists of plans prepared in 1970 by Massey Engineers and Reports of Phase I & II investigations prepared by Schnabel Engineering Associates in 1978. These reports were initiated to investigate loss of water in the lake.
- \*2.2 Construction: The following description of the dam construction is based on the May 25, 1979 Schnabel report to Gulf Reston.

The dam was constructed as a homogeneous earthfill embankment with 3(H):1(V) slopes upstream and downstream. The crest is 70 feet wide, at elevation 340.0, and will eventually have a road across it. A clay core cutoff trench varying from 2 to 8 feet was constructed along the centerline of the dam. Riprap and bedding was provided from elevation 338 to 341.5 on the upstream face for slope protection and a 10-foot wide bench was formed for a future Macadam path.

At the downstream side, a rockfill toe was constructed below elevation 300.5 with bedding and riprap extending up along the downstream earth embankment to elevation 312.0 for slope protection against wave action after a future lower lake is impounded. The normal water elevation of Lower Lake will be elevation 300.0.

An 8-inch diameter internal drain pipe was installed to collect seepage within the embankment. The drain is located in the embankment approximately 100 feet from the downstream toe of the dam (see Plate 3, Appendix I). The intent of this system was to lower the phreatic surface at the downstream side of the embankment. This drainage line is carried through a manhole just below the toe of the embankment to a discharge point in the Snakeden Branch downstream of the site of a future (lower) dam.

\*2.2.1 Geologic Investigation: The original plans for the dam, prepared by Massey Engineers of Fairfax, Virginia, and dated July 1970, include sixteen boring logs. The borings were made by Penniman and Browne Engineers of Baltimore, Maryland. Figure 1 through 6 of Appendix IV show the boring locations and the boring logs, as shown in the original plans. All of the borings terminated in decomposed rock.

The depth to decomposed rock ranged from about 3 feet to about 18 feet. The shallower depth were generally in the left (north) abutment area. apparently, no laboratory or insitu tests were made in connection with the borings.

<sup>\*</sup>Information provided by Law Engineering Associates of Virginia.

In June 1976, piezometers were installed to ascertain the nature of seepage from the dam. Piezometric level readings were insufficient to determine the extent and nature of the observed seepage nor was a significant correlation between the piezometric level and lake elevation determined. A summary of this study is included in the operational record.

In October and November of 1978, Schnabel conducted additional studies both in the field and in the laboratory, to determine the source of the leakage at the left abutment and to check the possibility of excessive seepage under the dam. The additional studies included:

#### a. Field investigations

- 1) Drilling of six test borings and soil and rock sampling
- 2) Field permeability test in rock formation
- 3) Installation of piezometers
- 4) Dye testing
- 5) Additional visual observations
- b. Soils laboratory testing
- c. Evaluation of the current conditions of the dam
- d. Proposed remedial measures

The six additional borings were located as shown in Figure B. Piezometers were installed in all six after boring.

The following account of the field investigation results is based on the December 4, 1978 report from Schnabel to Gulf Reston, Inc.

Field investigations were conducted from late October to early November in 1978. The weather was dry throughout this period, and had been for three weeks prior to the investigations. The lake level was at about elevation 338 at the time of the investigations.

The test borings indicated the following embankment and subsurface strata to the depths investigated:

Stratum A: From ground surface to about 5 to 29 ft. depth in Borings PZ-9, 11 and 13

Brown fine SANDY SILT and sandy CLAYEY SILT (ML), embankment FILL; firm to compact density (N= 16 to 49)

Stratum Al: From existing grade at the toe to about 10 to 14 ft depth in Borings PZ-7 and 8.

Gray rock toe FILL

Information provided by Law Engineering Associates of Virginia.

Stratum B: Below Stratum A or A-1 to about 25 to 35 feet depth, not encountered

in borings PZ-8, 9 and

Brown fine SANDY SILT and sandy CLAYEY SILT (ML) with disintegrated rock layers; firm to very compact (N= 9 to 47)

Stratum C: Below Stratum A, A-1 or B to about 12 to 40 feet

depth, about 3 to 14 feet thick.

Brown DISINTEGRATED ROCK, very compact and hard density (N= 67 to 100/1")

Below Stratum C to depths Stratum D: of all test borings.

Brown and green highly weathered PHYLLITE ROCK, highly fractured with disintegrated rock layers; (core recovery = 21 to 100%. ROD = 0 to 58%).

Bedrock underlying the dam is phyllite rock of the Wissahickon formation, based on observations of the rock cores recovered. The predominant planar feature of the phyllite is its schistosity or foliation, which dips in the rock cores from 30° to 80° from the horizontal. Observations of outcrops downstream of the left abutment indicate that the foliation strikes northwest, or about perpendicluar to the centerline of the dam. Rock Quality Designations (RQD's) measured from the NX cores recovered ranged from 0 to 58%, indicating very poor to fair quality rock.

Most fractures or joints in the rock appear to be parallel to the foliation. In core runs where recoveries were low, the cause was apparently highly weathered layers or zones within the rock which were washed out by the drilling fluid. Several excellent cores of these weathered zones were recovered. These zones, which parallel the foliation, represent zones of higher permeability and would provide direct seepage paths through the generally poor quality foundation rock of the dam.

Field studies by Schnabel included the recording of water loss or gain during drilling, and field permeability testing (the results of these studies are included in Appendix V. Additional field studies included dye testing and the results of this study are included in the operational record. The results of these field tests indicate that average permeability of Strata C and D rock is about 8.1 x 10 cm/sec which is much more permeable than the dam embankment. Dye testing indicated that there was seepage through the dam foundation.

<sup>\*</sup>Information provided by Law Engineering Associates of Virginia.

- \*2.2.2 Additional Field Observations: Wetness and numerous little ponds downstream from the rock toe were observed during the 1978 investigation. Moistened conditions of the embankment fill immediately above the downstream riprap surface were also observed, particularly at the locations of observed transverse cracking. In addition, water was observed coming out of the rock fill toe at quite a few places along the base of the toe. Erosion at the interface of the embankment fill and both the right and the left abutments has apparently worsened since the last field inspection in May 1978.
- \*2.3 Operational Record: Seepage at the left abutment and excessive wetness downstream of the dam have led the owner, Gulf Reston, Inc. to undertake several inspections and studies. The most recent, conducted by Schnabel Engineering Associates, resulted in the following conclusions and recommendations:
  - a. The source of leakage at the left abutment has been determined from the drilling of PZ-11, which is located within the embankment and is about 3.5 feet higher in elevation than that of the "spring". The interconnection of seepage water below the disintegrated rock between PZ-11 and the "spring" caused the drilling water and dye water in PZ-11 to flow out of the "spring" under excessive water pressure from the reservoir. The lake is therefore confirmed to be the source of this leakage.
  - b. The existence of seepage underneath the dam through the highly fractured foundation rock has been verified from the following investigation results:
    - 1. Almost equal piezometric levels were recorded in piezometers located at the crest just upstream and downstream from the core trench. This indicates the ineffectiveness of the installed shallow core trench.
    - The excessive water pressure at PZ-11 which was about
       feet above the existing ground surface.
    - 3. Piezometric levels recorded in PZ-7 and PZ-8 indicated about 1 to 2 feet above the base of the rockfill toe.
    - 4. The general wetness and softness at areas downstream from the rockfill toe.
    - 5. The numerous locations in the downstream valley where the dye water was observed. The dye water was injected into the foundation rock at PZ-9 located upstream at the crest.

<sup>\*</sup>Information provided by Law Engineering Associates of Virginia.

c. Engineering properties of both soil and rock materials have been evaluated by conducting both field and laboratory testing. The results of these tests are included in Appendix IV. Both embankment fill and overburden soils may be classified as sandy clayey silt to sandy silt or type ML according to ASTM D-2487. The materials also have an average permeability value of 1.5 x 10 cm/sec. The underlying foundation rock is phyllite rock of the Wissahickon formation. The rock is generally highly weathered and highly fractured to the depth investigated. Furthermore, the rock also possesses a prominent foliation which strikes northeast or about perpendicular to the dam axis. Field permeability of 5.1 x 10 cm/sec for this highly fractured rock mass, or at least 100 times more permeable than the embankment.

After the reservoir was filled, seepage was observed from the left abutment and immediately downstream of the dam. In June 1976, the Owner of the dam, Gulf Reston, Inc., had five borings made in the dam. Piezometers were installed in these borings and periodicus readings taken for about two years in an attempt to ascertain the source of the seepage. Plate 7 in Appendix IV shows the locations of these piezometers, which are numbered PZ-2 through PZ-6 An inspection report prepared in May 1978 by Schnabel Engineering Assoc. for Gulf Reston, Inc. contained the following summary of recorded piezometric levels:

	Piezometric Level Readings				
Piezometer Holes	Ground Surface (ft)	Bottom Elevations (ft)	High (ft)	Low (ft)	Fluctuations (ft)
P72	352.0	312.0	317.0	313.5	3.5
PZ-3b	352.0	282.0	315.5	309.2	5.9
PZ-4	352.0	292.0	311.1	307.3	3.8
PZ-5	352.0	292.0	317.1	312.0	5.7
PZ-5	352.0	323.0	323 &	323 &	
PZ-6	352.0		dry	dry	

(It should be noted that the lake level fluctuated between El 328 and El 340 for the period while the readings were taken. However, no significant correlation between piezometric level and lake elevation was observed.)

<sup>\*</sup>Information provided by Law Engineering Associates of Virginia.

#### Dye Test

Dye was poured into test borings PZ-9 and 11 prior to the installation of the piezometers to detect the possible existence of underseepage through the rock formation below the dam. This also served the purpose of further verifying the source of seepage at the left abutment. The dye used was Sodium Flourescein. This is a dark red powder whose color changes to yellowish green when dissolved into water. The original color is restored when the dye emerges from the ground and it forms a very thin and light-reflecting film over the ponding water.

The dye was pressure injected into Test Boring PZ-11 below the depth where the loss of drilling water through the seepage area was observed. The dye water came out of the seepage area within five minutes.

Dye water was poured into test boring PZ-9 early in the afternoon on Thursday, November 2, 1978. The first evidence of dye spotted downstream from the rock toe was on Saturday, November 4, 1978, which was about two days after is was injected. There were numerous places within about a 200-foot stretch in the streambed below the rock toe where the dye water was observed.

2.4 Evaluation: Based on the information obtained from the geotechnical investigations conducted in 1978, it is recognized that a serious seepage problem exists and that remedial action should be initiated. These investigations have not considered the effect of the seepage on the dam stability nor do they contain sufficient strength data of the dam foundation and embankment materials to evaluate the stability of the dam.

<sup>\*</sup>Information provided by Law Engineering Associates of Virginia.

#### VISUAL INSPECTION

# 3.1 Findings:

- 3.1.1 General: The results of the 30 May 1979 inspection are recorded in Appendix III. At the time of the inspection the pool elevation was at 340 feet m.s.l., which is about normal. Previous Phase I and II inspections were conducted by Schnabel Engineering Associates in 1978. A summary of the conclusions and recommendations of the reports can be found in Appendix V. The ground adjacent to the abutments was covered with grass and small shrubs. Surface erosion, observed in the area of the left abutment, was probably the result of vehicles driving along the slope.
- 3.1.2 Dam: There are no obvious horizontal or vertical misalignments in the dam. At the left abutment about 30 feet below the crest of the dam, seepage of about 5 gpm was observed. A piezometer tube was installed by Schnabel Engineer, in 1978, just above this spot. Water was observed overflowing this tube at 15 inches above the surface. Gullies were formed in this area which are due to surface water. The water flows along an earth road down the face of the embankment at the abutment. Wetness and numerous little ponds downstream from the rock toe were observed during the 1978 investigation. Moistened conditions of the embankment fill immediately above the downstream riprap surface were also observed, particularly at the locations of observed transverse cracking. In addition, water was observed coming out of the rock fill toe at quite a few places along the base of the toe. Erosion at the interface of the embankment fill and both the right and the left abutments has apparently been worsened since the last field inspection in May 1978.
- \*3.1.2.1 The dam appeared to be in good condition. The crest is now serving as an unpaved road. There is no indication of settlement of the crest of the dam. The upstream slope was covered with grass and weeds. Small gullies were observed at several locations on the downstream slope, mainly near the center of the slope and adjacent to the road at the left abutment. These appeared to be created by vehicular traffic. Some sloughing was associated with these gullies indicating possible settlement and/or seepage. In some places, sand was noted on top of the riprap.

At both abutments, runoff has started erosion where the fill meets natural ground. The area downstream of the dam was damp for 200 to 300 feet although no flow was observed.

<sup>\*</sup>Information provided by Law Engineering Associates of Virginia.

- 3.1.3 Appurtenant Structures: The outlet culvert has rocks in the apron area between the wingwalls. The rocks reduce the capacity of the culvert and should be taken from the waterway. The toe drain outlets into a manhole below the dam and then carried by pipe to a point below the lower dam which is now being constructed.
- 3.1.4 Spillway: The spillway is a drop inlet type, 7-foot x 7-foot concrete vertical shaft, and is in good condition.
- 3.2 Evaluation: The areas where gullies were detected and other signs of erosion should be repaired to prevent further deterioration and action should be taken by the owner to eliminate the vehicular traffic on the embankment and abutments. A grouting program was in progress at the time of the inspection to eliminate the seepage described above, however, it was not complete and the seepage was still occurring.

#### OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

- 4.1 <u>Procedure</u>: The reservoir is used for recreational purposes. The pool level is normally maintained at elevation 340.0, however, the level can be lowered manually to either elevation 330.0 or elevation 312.5 by opening one or both of the 24-inch diameter sluice gates.
- 4.2 <u>Maintenance of Dam</u>: Mowing is done by the owner. There is presently a grouting contract in progress to stop the seepage through the embankment and foundation material. Surface marks of cars or motorcycles, reported to be evident, were removed at the time of inspection. The dirt road at the left abutment should be removed or barricaded. The riser structure and the 4-foot box culvert appeared to be in good condition. The outlet for the box culvert, at the downstream toe of the dam, was partially blocked by debris which should be removed.
- 4.3 Warning System: At the present time there is no warning system or evacuation plan in operation.
- 4.4 Evaluation: The present grouting program will serve to address the seepage problem. The road at the left abutment should be removed and debris at the outlet of the principal spillway should be removed. A routine maintenance and inspection program should be initiated to help detect and correct problems which may occur.

#### HYDRAULIC/HYDROLOGIC DATA

- 5.1 Design: No data was available.
- 5.2 Hydrologic Records: None were available.
- 5.3 Flood Experience: No records were available.
- 5.4 Flood Potential: The PMF and 1/2 PMF were developed and routed through the reservoir by use of the HEC-I computer program (Reference 2, Appendix VI), and appropriate unit hydrograph, precipitation, and storage-outflow data. Clark's Tc and R coefficients for the local drainage area were estimated from basin characteristics. The rainfall applied to the developed unit hydrograph was obtained from a U S Weather Bureau Publication (Reference 3, Appendix VI). Losses were estimated at an initial loss of 1.0 inch and a constant loss thereafter of 0.05 inch/hour.
- 5.5 Reservoir Regulation: Pertinent dam and reservoir data are shown in Table 1.1.

Water flows over the spillway to Lower South Lake in the event water in the reservoir rises above elevation 340.0. The spillway is a drop inlet type, 7-foot x 7-foot vertical shaft. A 4-foot x 4-foot box culvert from the drop inlet runs through the dam to the Lower Lake.

The storage curve was calculated by use of U S Geological Survey Quadrangle Maps. Rating curves were developed for the spillway and non-overflow section of the dam. In routing hydrographs through the reservoir, it was assumed that the initial pool level was at the spillway crest.

5.6 Overtopping Potential: The probable rise of the reservoir and other pertinent information on reservoir performance is shown in the following table:

Table 5.1 RESERVOIR PERFORMANCE

	Normal	Hydrograph	
Item	f1ow_	1/2 PMF	PMF (a)
Peak flow, c.f.s.			
Inflow	3	3,810	7,619
Outflow	-	420	1,631
Maximum pool elevation			
feet, m.s.1.		346.2	351.4
Non-overflow section (eleva	ation 350.77)		
Depth of flow, ft (b)			0.6
Duration, hours			3.3
Velocity, f.p.s. (d)			3.6
Tailwater elevation,			
feet, m.s.1.	300+		

- (a) The PMF is an estimate of flood discharge that may be expected from the most severe combination of critical meteorologic and hydrologic conditions that are reasonably possible in the region.
- (b) Normal flow depth
- (c) Normal flow velocity
- (d) Critical velocity
- 5.7 Reservoir Emptying Potential: Two 24-inch diameter sluice gates in the drop inlet spillway at elevations 312.5 and 330, respectively, are available for dewatering the reservoir. The gates will permit withdrawal of about 110 c.f.s. with the reservoir level at the crest of the spillway and essentially dewater the reservoir to elevation 311.5 in about 10 days assuming an inflow of 3 c.f.s.
- 5.8 Evaluation: Based on the size (intermediate) and hazard (high) classifications, the recommended Spillway Design Flood is PMF. The spillway will pass 78% of the PMF without overtopping the dam. The PMF will overtop the dam for 3.3 hours and reach a maximum of 0.6 feet over the top of the dam, with an average critical velocity of 3.6 feet per second.

Conclusions pertain to present day conditions. The effect of future development on the hydrology has not been considered.

#### STRUCTURAL STABILITY

\*6.1 Foundation and Abutments: Soils found in the dam foundation and abutments are generally clayey silts which are generally about 10 feet thick and overlying a layer of disintegrated rock which is about 3-14 feet thick. Bedrock consisting of highly weathered phyllite underlies the disintegrated rock stratum. Both strata (disintegrated rock and bedrock) are highly permeable. The cutoff trench generally extended into the disintegrated rock stratum.

#### 6.2 Embankment:

- \*6.2.1 The dam is a homogeneous earth embankment constructed with ML-MH type soils. The embankment is 850 feet long, 55.7 feet high, and with a 70 foot wide crest. The slopes of the embankment are 3(H):1(V). The upstream slope has a 10-foot wide bench at elevation 341.5 and 5 feet of riprap below a path at this elevation. There is a stone toe at elevation 300.5 on the downstream side with a filter and riprap extending from the stone toe to elevation 312.0.
- \*6.2.2 While the crest of the dam is wider than usual and the relatively flat slopes indicate a probable stable design, no studies have been made to confirm this nor is it known if any analyses were performed in connection with the original design. The effect of the seepage at the left abutment and in the dam foundation and the potential for piping has not been evaluated. The cause of the displaced filter bedding under the downstream riprap has not been determined. It is also unknown whether or not any stability analyses have been performed for this dam that consider the effect of the water level of the lower lake.
- \*6.3 At the time of the dam inspection, a remedial program to install a grout curtain at the left abutment and central portions of the dam was in progress.
  - \*6.4 The dam site is located in Seismic Risk Zone 1.
- \*6.5 Evaluation: The visual inspections and interim Phase I and II investigations have been adequate to determine the nature of the observed seepage. The performance of the grouting program in progress should be monitored by a qualified registered engineer to determine if any additional studies are necessary. The cause of the displaced filter bedding material under the downstream riprap should be determined. Stability analyses should also be conducted on the downstream slope that consider the influence of high water levels from the lower lake. These analyses should include, but not be limited to, an analyses of rapid drawdown of the lower lake.

<sup>\*</sup>Information provided by Law Engineering Associates of Virginia.

#### ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIAL MEASURES/RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 7.1 Dam Assessment:

\*7.1.1 The dam appears to be in sound condition except for minor erosion problems on the downstream face, some improper bedding of the riprap, the seepage at the left abutment and under the dam, and rock debris at the outlet of the spillway.

Based on criteria established by the Department of the Army, Office of the Chief of Engineers (OCE), the Spillway Design Flood is the PMF. The spillway will pass 78% of the PMF without overtopping the dam. The PMF will overtop the dam by 0.6 feet and will cause flooding in the lower floors of the lake front houses. The spillway is therefore adjudged inadequate.

\*7.2 Recommended Remedial Measures: After the grouting program, now in progress, is completed, the performance of the grouting program should be studied by a registered engineer to determine if any additional studies are necessary. Stability analyses should be performed which include the effects of future high water levels on the downstream slope. The minor erosion and gullies on the downstream slope at the abutments should be repaired. Should sloughing and gully formation persist on the downstream slope, a professional engineer should be retained to further study the problems.

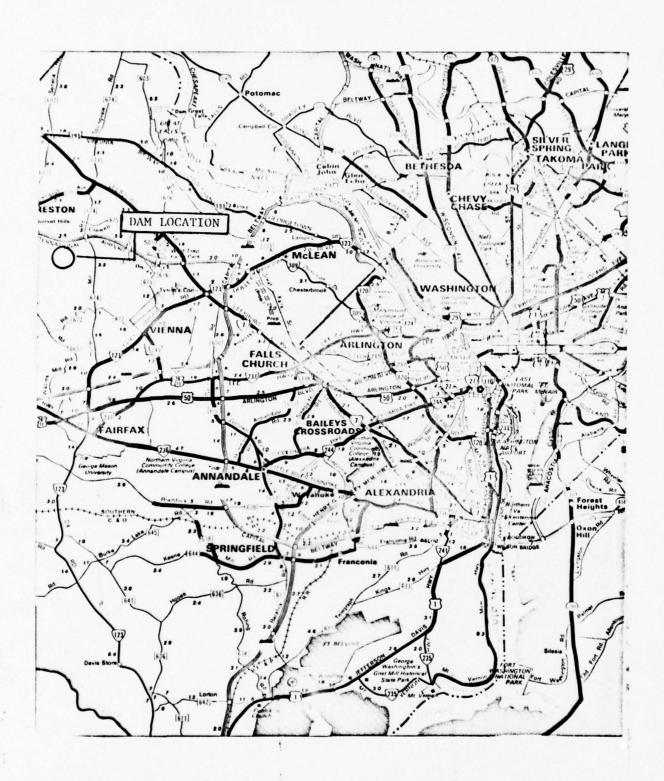
It is recommended that the toe drain riprap be removed in several places to determine if the filter bedding has been washed out. If it is evident that the bedding material has been washed out, it should be replaced as necessary.

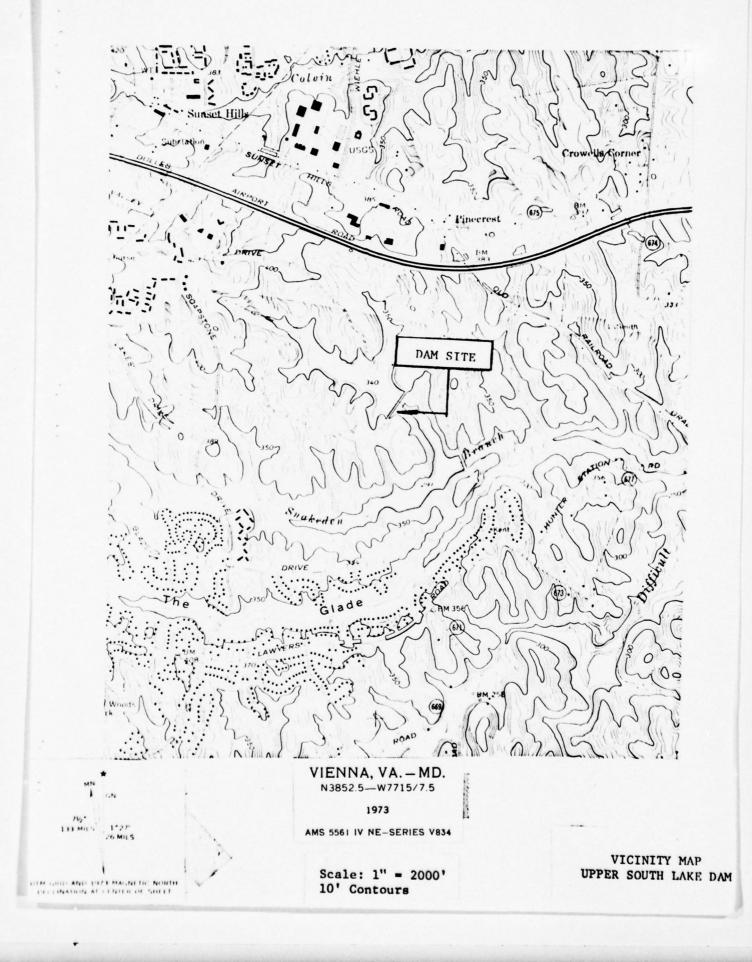
Since it is a requirement that stability analyses be available, it is recommended that such analyses be performed by a registered engineer.

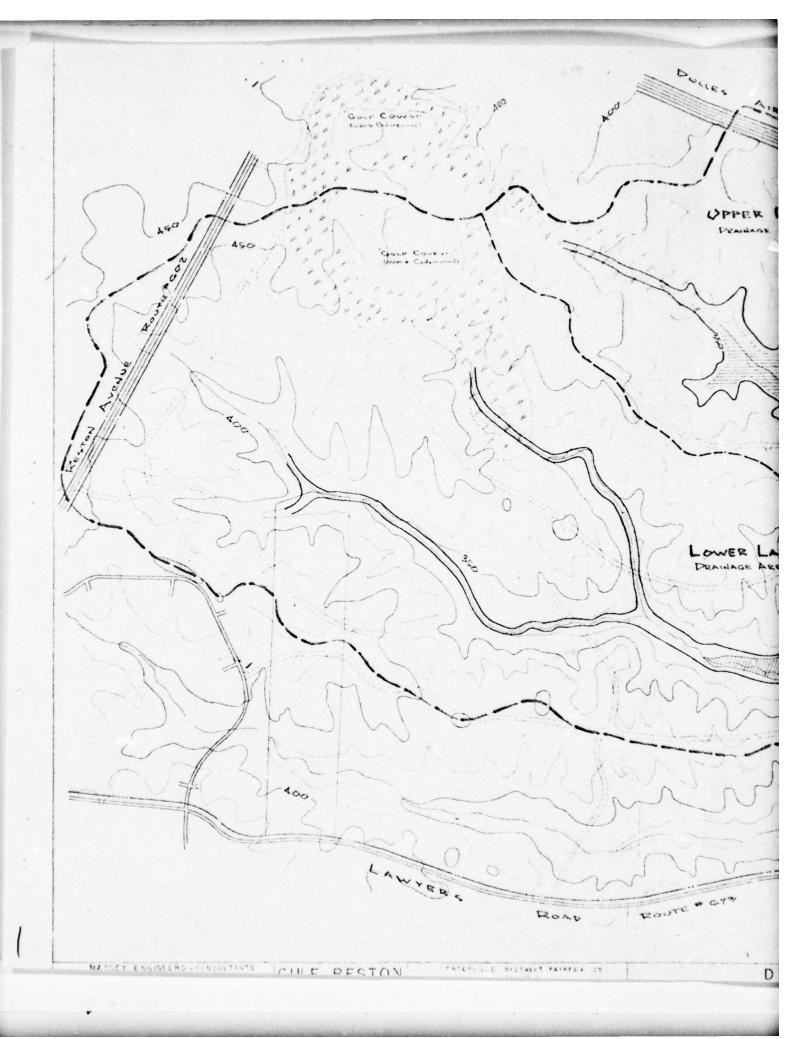
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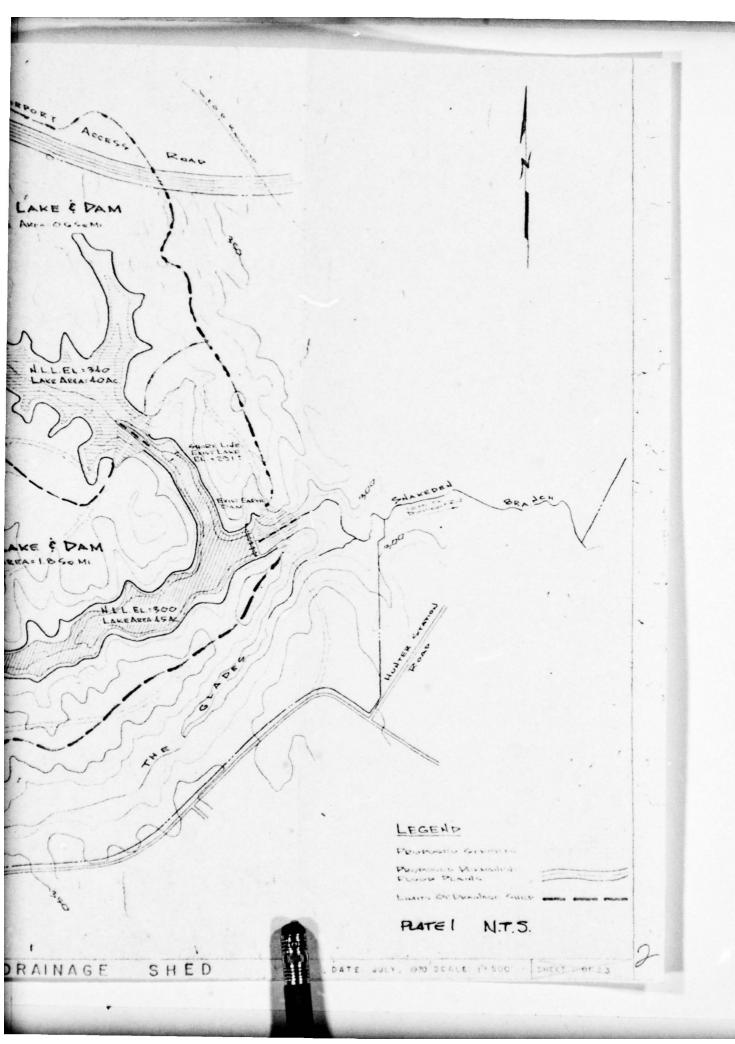
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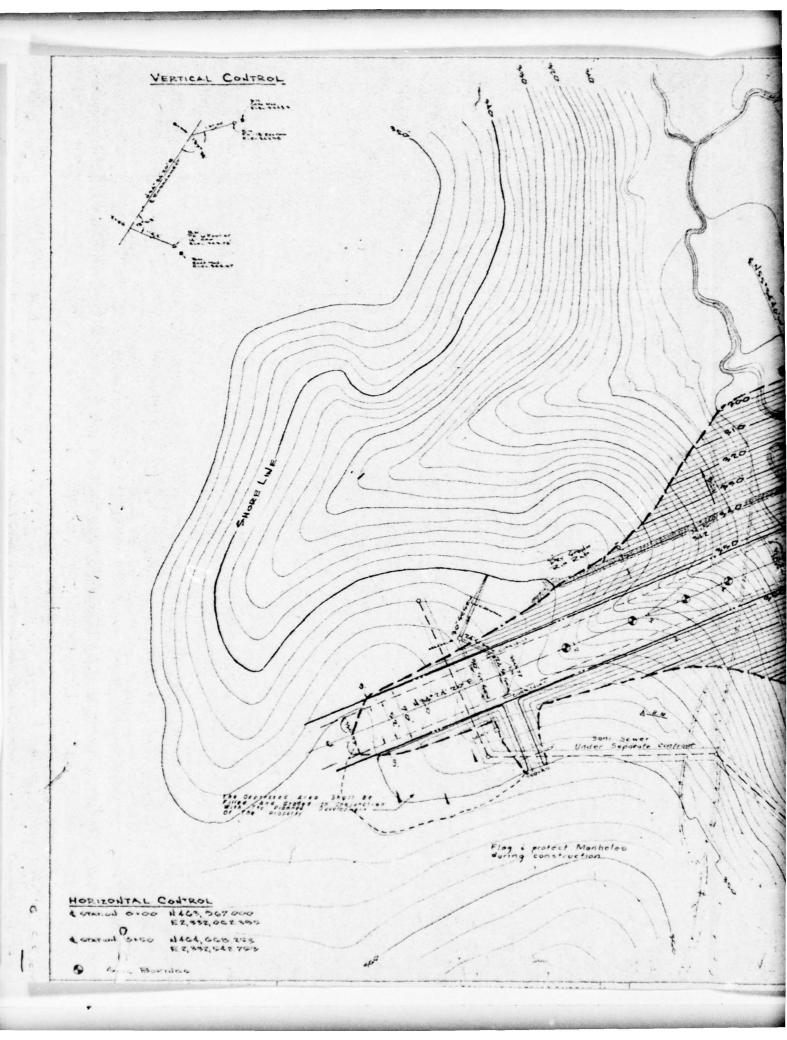
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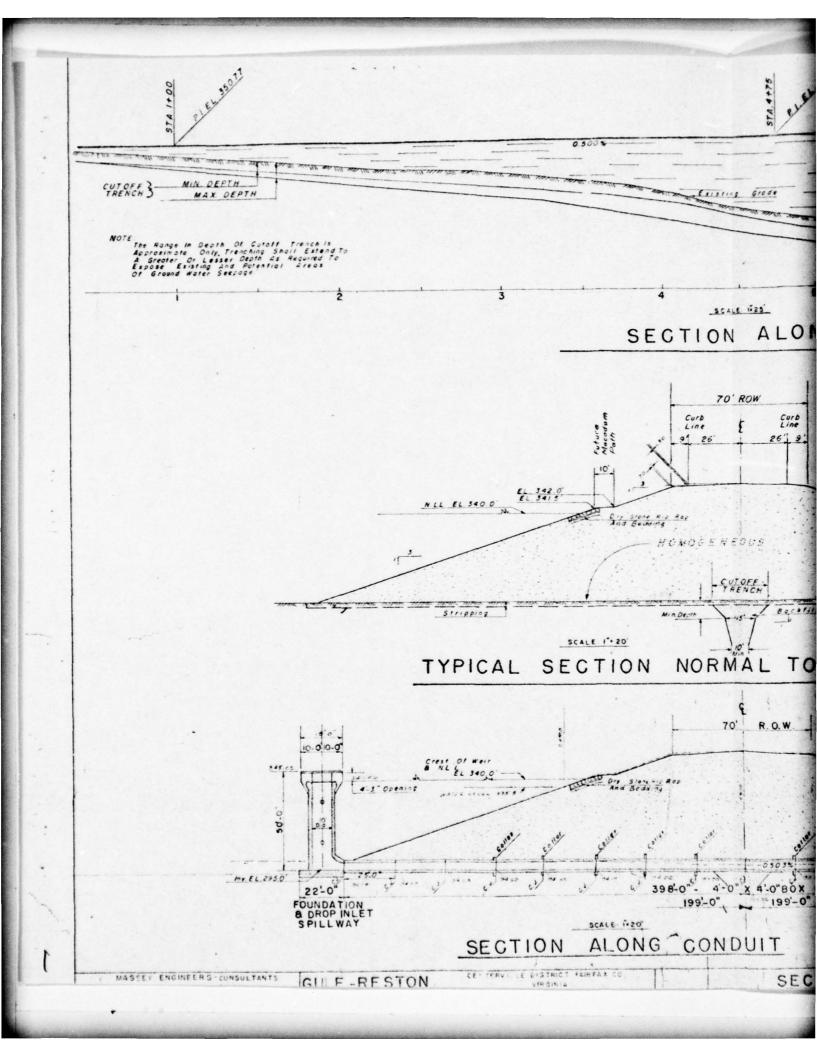


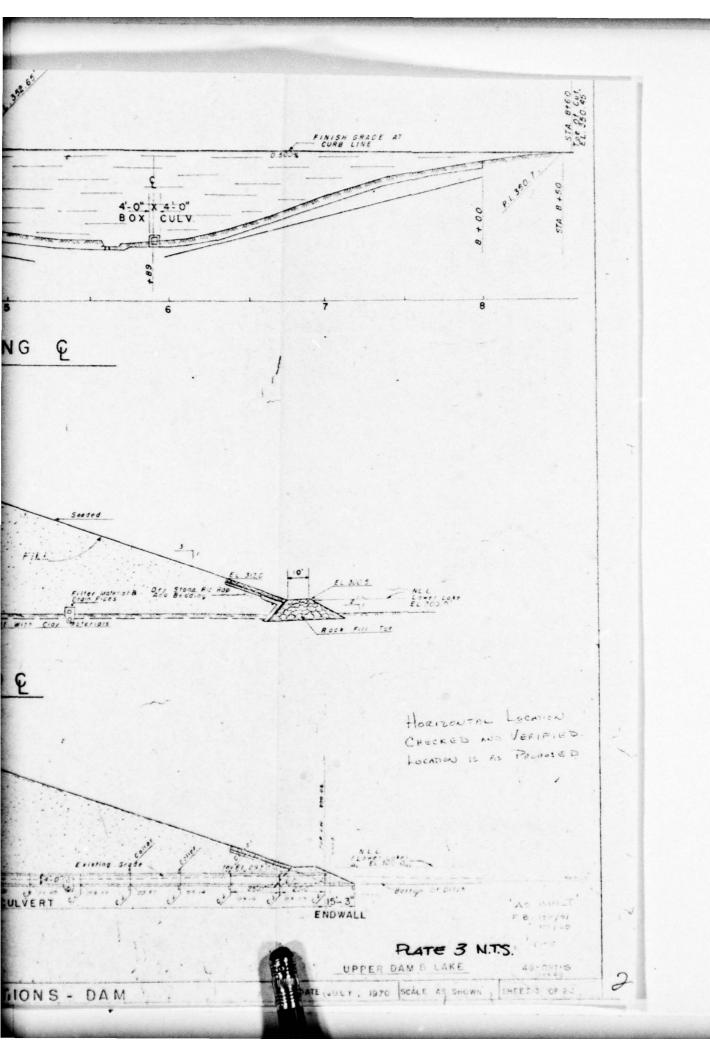


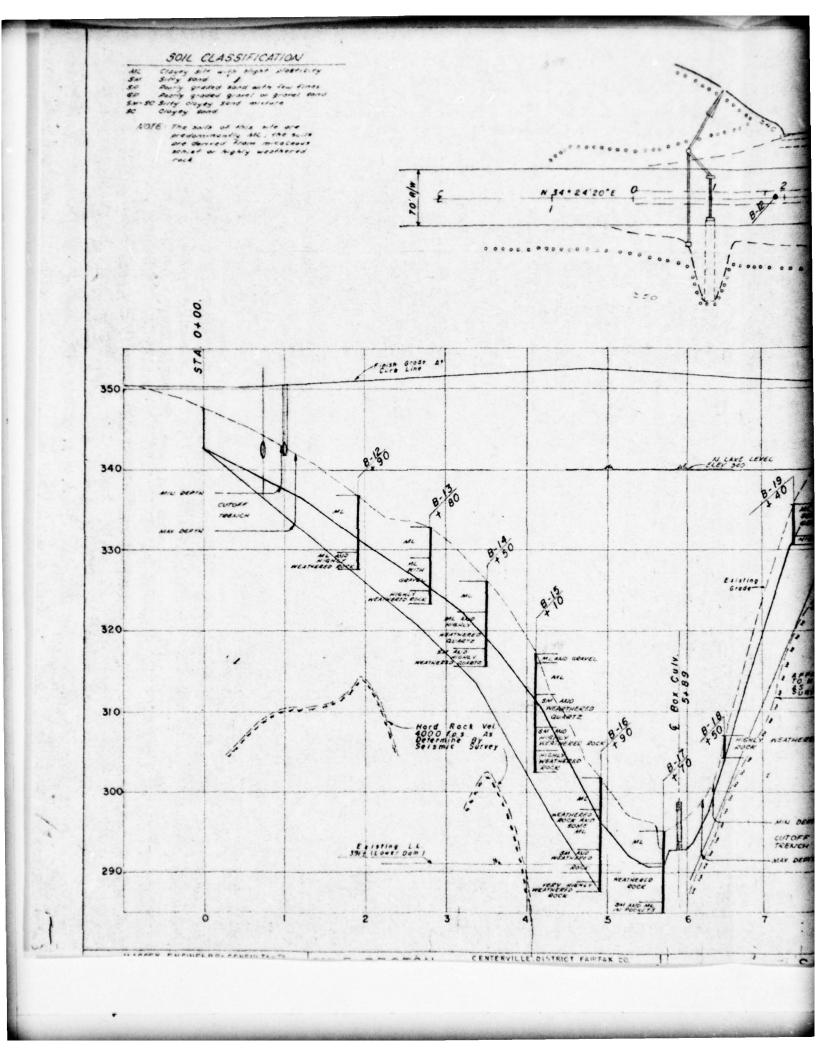


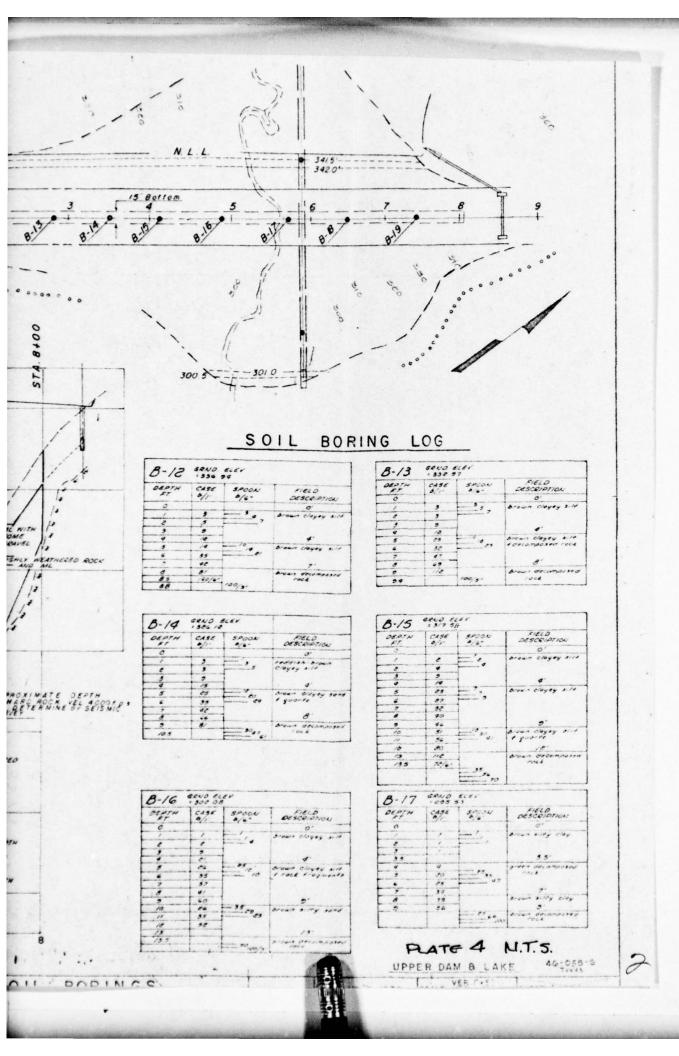


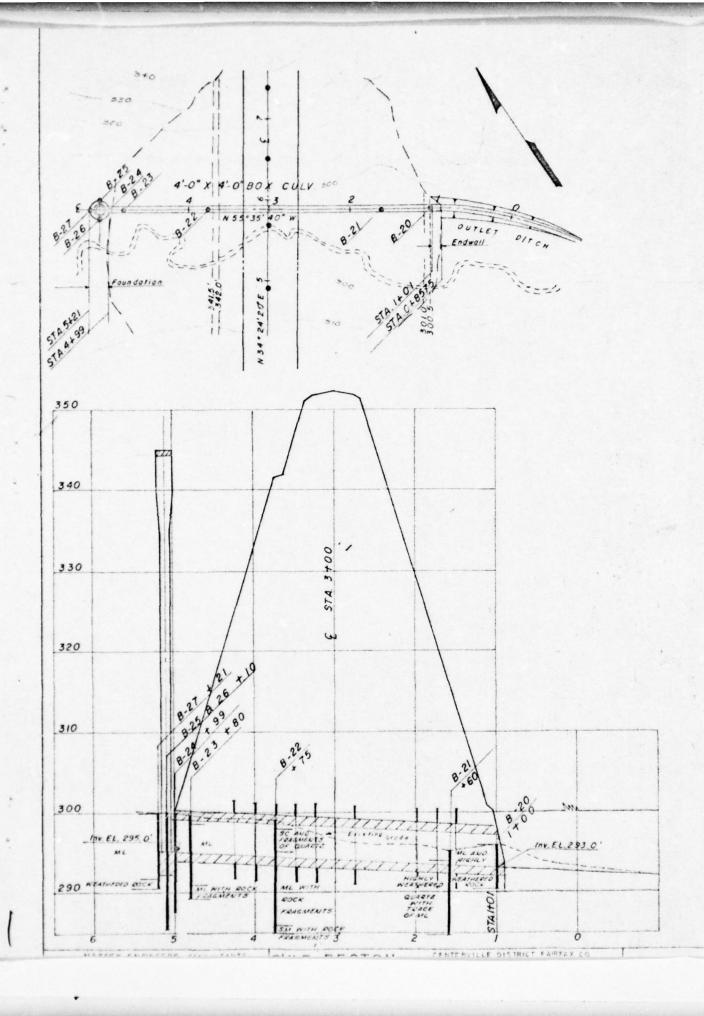












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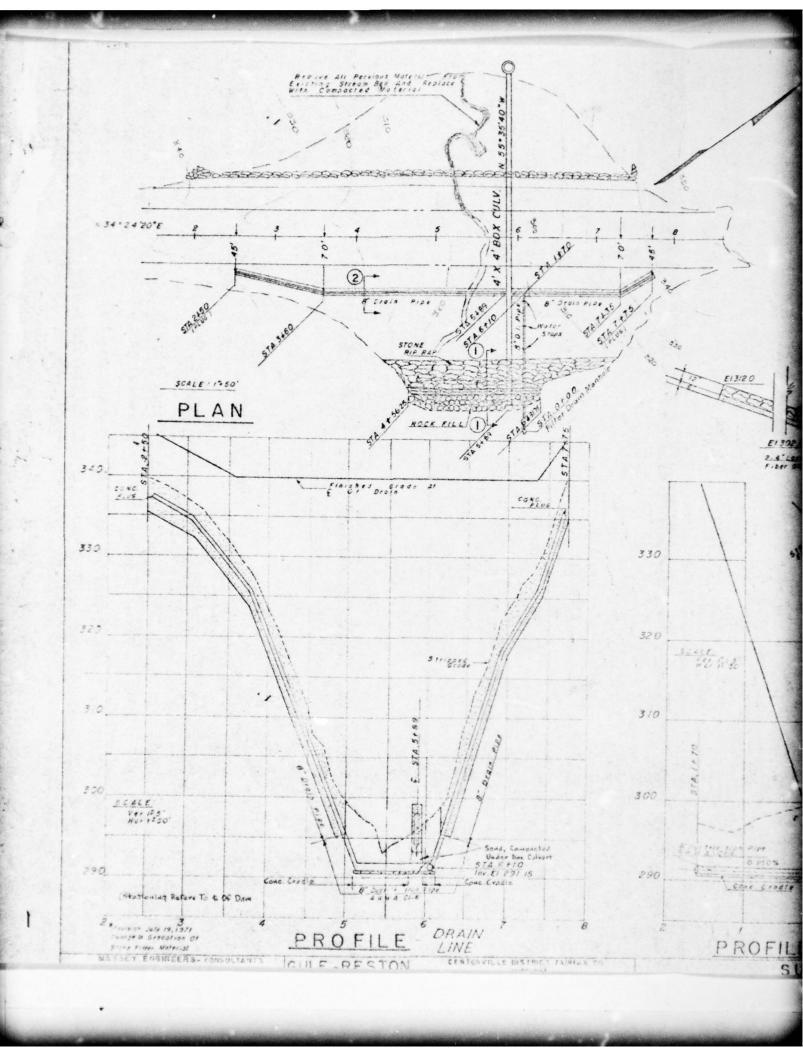
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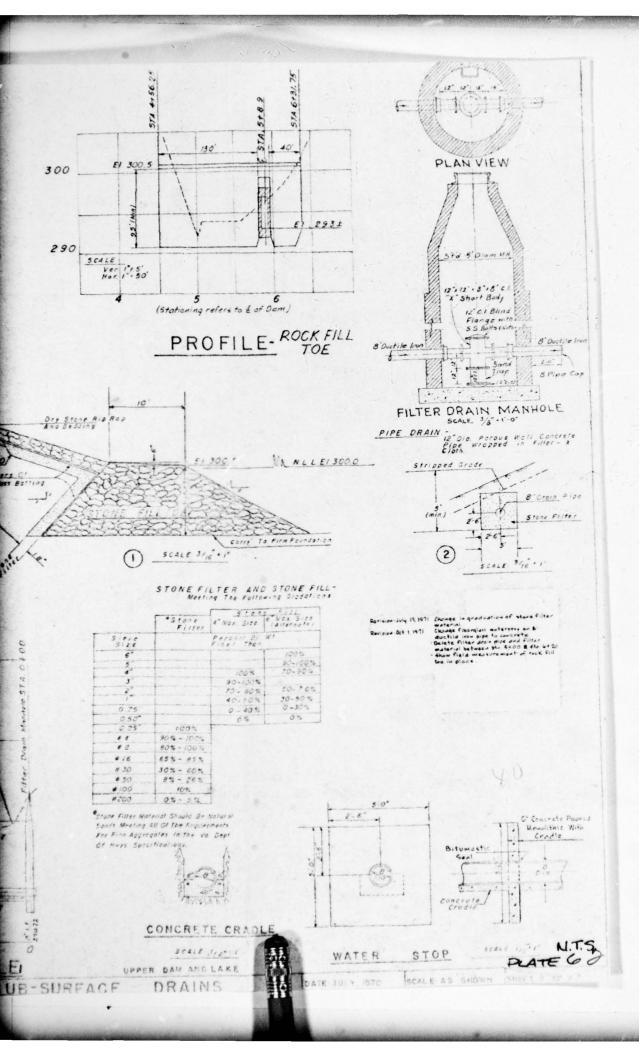
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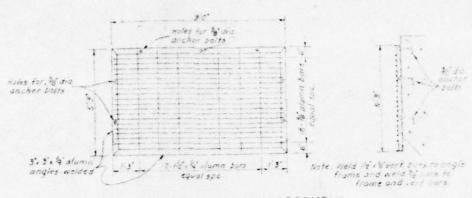
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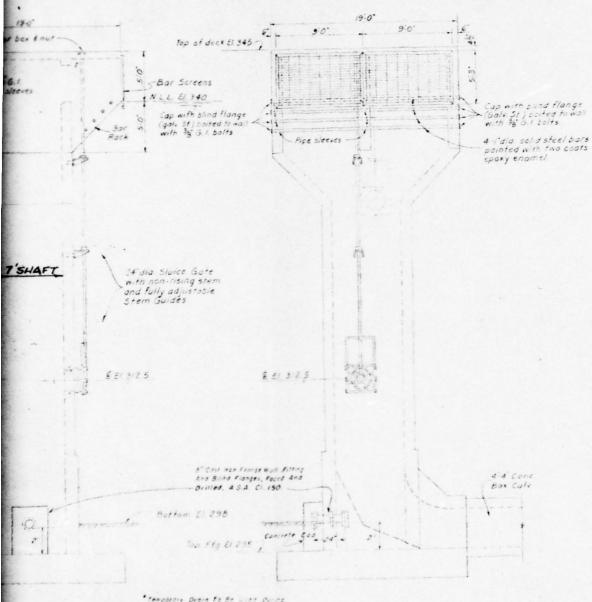
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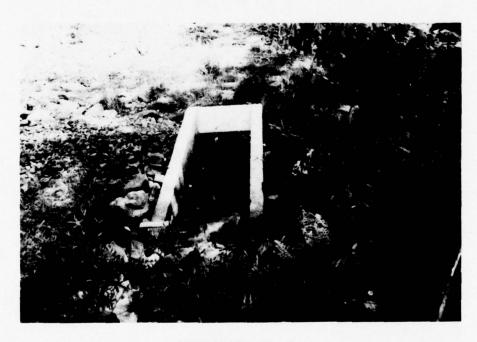
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**PHOTOGRAPHS** 

### UPPER SOUTH LAKE DAM



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 1 Outlet Structure



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 2 Discharge Box Culvert



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 3 Upstream Face of Dam



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 4 Downstream

APPENDIX III
FIELD OBSERVATIONS

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Check List Visual Inspection Phase I

Name Upper South Lake Dam County	County Fairfax	State Virginia	Coordinates 3856.2 Lat
Date(s) Inspection 5/30/79 Weather	Weather Sunny	Temperature 75°F	
Pool Elevation at Time of Inspection 340 M.S.L.	40 H.S.L.	Tailwater at Time of Inspection None M.S.L. Will be 300 when Lower Lake is compl	at Time of Inspection None M.S.L. Will be 300 when Lower Lake is completed.
Inspection Personnel:			
Hugh Gildea, SWCB	Charles Chambers, Gulf Reston	f Reston	
Bert Black, Law Engineering	Riley Chung, Schnabel Engineering Assoc.	Engineering Assoc.	
Tan Young, DMM&A			

Recorder

Paul Seiler, DWSA

## EMBANGMENT

CNUSUAL MOVEMENT OR CRACKING AT OR BEYOND THE TOE	No obvious cracking at toe.	
SLOUGHING OR EROSION OF EMBANKYENT AND ABUTHENT SLOPES	Near left abutment Seepage is noted below observation well. 1" plastic pipe - water standing 15" above surface 30' horizontal from the top of the dam. Seepage estimated about 5 gallons/minute. Small gullies observed on downstream slope.	Surface erosion along the left abutment due to vehicles driven down the slope. Also there is erosion in the center of the slope.
VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT OF THE CREST	There are no obvious misalignment of the top of the dam.	
RIPRAP FAILURES	No riprap failures. Macadam path at the top of the riprap which was not installed at the time of inspection.	

## EYBANKYENT

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS - CONTRACTIONS - CONTRA	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL	Plans indicate clay type material for cut off of trench.	
JUNCTION OF EMBANKMENT AND ABUTMENT, SPILLWAY AND DAM	No cbvious cracks at junction of embankment and abutments. Erosion due to car driven down the face of the dam slope.	
ANY NOTICEABLE SEEPAGE	Seepage 30' horizontal from the top of the dam just below the observation well pipes near the left abutment, Seepage is estimated at 3-5 gallons/minute.	
STAFF GAGE AND RECORDER	None.	
DRAINS	There is a horizontal toe drain system which outlets through an 8" diameter pipe to a manhole 290" down-stream.	
FOUNDATION	There is a wet area below the dam. This will be covered by the tailwater of the lower lake which is now under construction.	
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## OUTLET WORKS

REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS					
OBSERVATIONS	There was no obvious deterioration.		The outlet structure is a 10 feet diameter riser with a weir at elevation 340. There is a 4' x 4' concrete box from the riser to the toe of the embankment on a 0.503% slope.	There are rocks on the apron between the wingwalls at the discharge outlet.	N/A
VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	CRACKING AND SPALLING OF CONCRETE SURFACES IN OUTLET CONDUIT	INTAKE STRUCTURE	OUTLET STRUCTURE	OUTLET CHANNEL	EMERGENCY GATE

## INSTRUMENTATION

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OBSERVATIONS	See Appendix I	None.	None.	Five peizometers located about 25 feet toward the downstream from the centerline of the dam.	
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VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	SLOPES Pa	SEDIMENTATION		
OBSERVATIONS	Partially forested and partially urbanized. Averaged 4% slope.	Unknown.		
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# DOWNSTREAM CHANGEL

REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS			front. Future e, i.e. the mately to the acent to dam is 60 people.	
OBSERVATIONS	Clear.	Flat.	There are over 20 homes on the lake front. Future homes are planned around another lake, i.e. the lower lake which will extend approximately to the toe of this dam.  Estimated population immediately adjacent to dam is 60 people.	
VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	CONDITION (OBSTRUCTIONS, DEBRIS, ETC.)	SLOPES	APPROXIMATE NO. OF HOMES AND POPULATION	

# CHECK LIST

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PLAN OF DAM

See Appendix I - Plans

REMARKS

REGIONAL VICINITY MAP

See Appendix I - Maps.

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY

Built in 1971

TYPICAL SECTIONS OF DAM

See Appendix I - Plans.

See Section V. HYDROLOGIC/HYDRAULIC DAIA

OUTLETS - PLAN

See Appendix I - Plans.

- DETAILS and

- CONSTRAINTS

- DISCHARGE RATINGS

PAINFALL/RESERVOIR FECORDS

None available.

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DESIGN REPORTS None available.

GEOLOGY REPORTS See appendix IV for boring data.

DESIGN COMPUTATIONS
HYDRAULICS
DAY STABILITY
SEEPAGE STUDIES
1978 by Schnabel Engineering Associates.

MATERIALS INVESTIGATIONS See Appendices I & IV.
BORING RECORDS
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POST-CONSTRUCTION SURVEYS OF DAM --- 1978 by Schnabel Engineering Associates.

BORROW SOURCES

TEM REMARKS

None.

MONITORING SYSTEMS

None.

MODIFICATIONS

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None available.

HIGH POOL RECORDS

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PRIOR ACCIDENTS OF FAILURE OF DAM DESCRIPTION REPORTS

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MAINTENANCE OPERATION RECORDS

None.

REMARKS ITEM

See Appendix I - Plans. SECT IONS

SPILLWAY PLAN

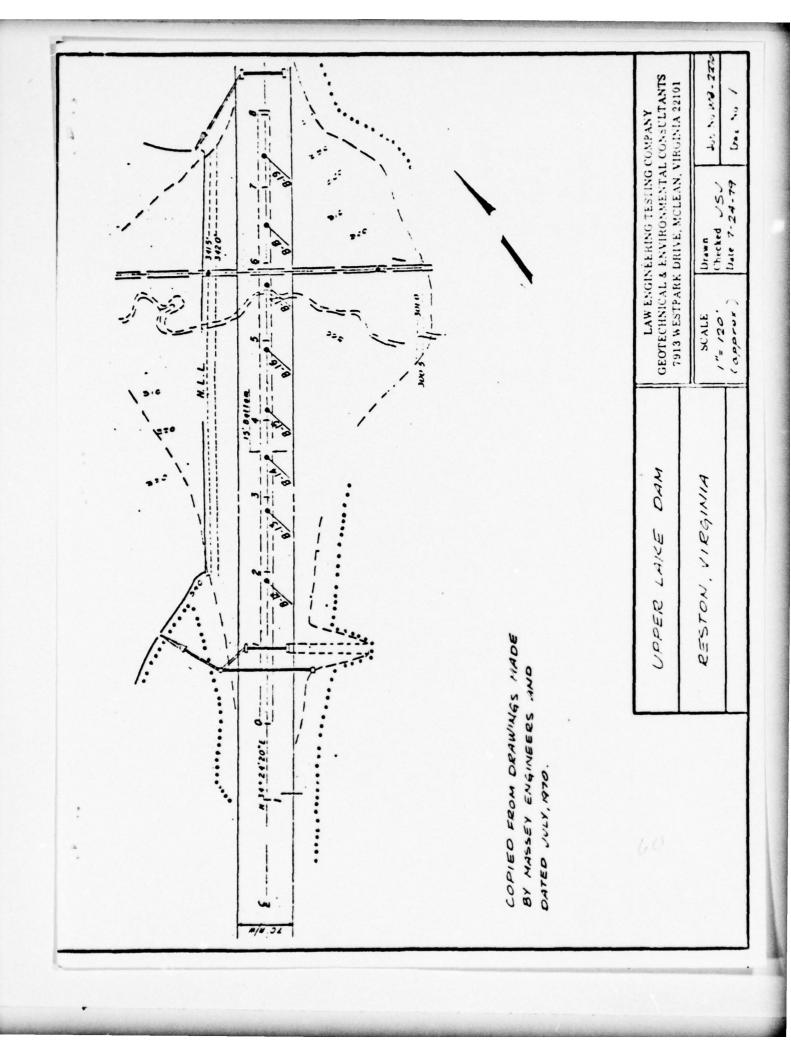
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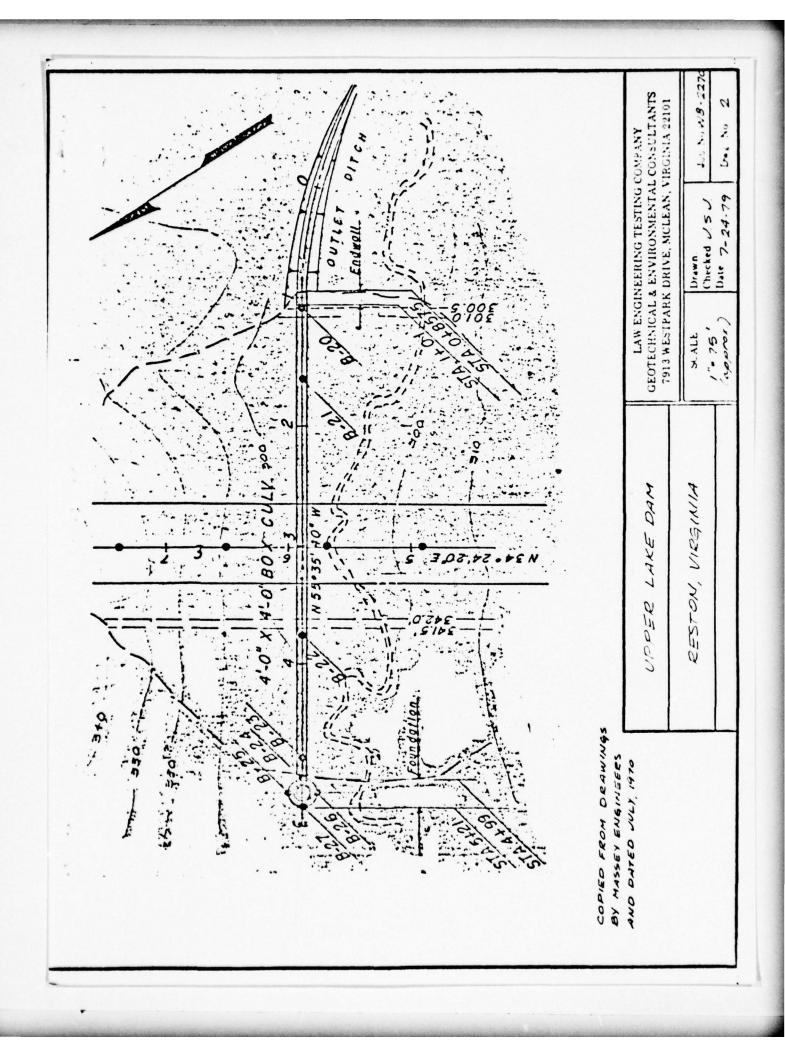
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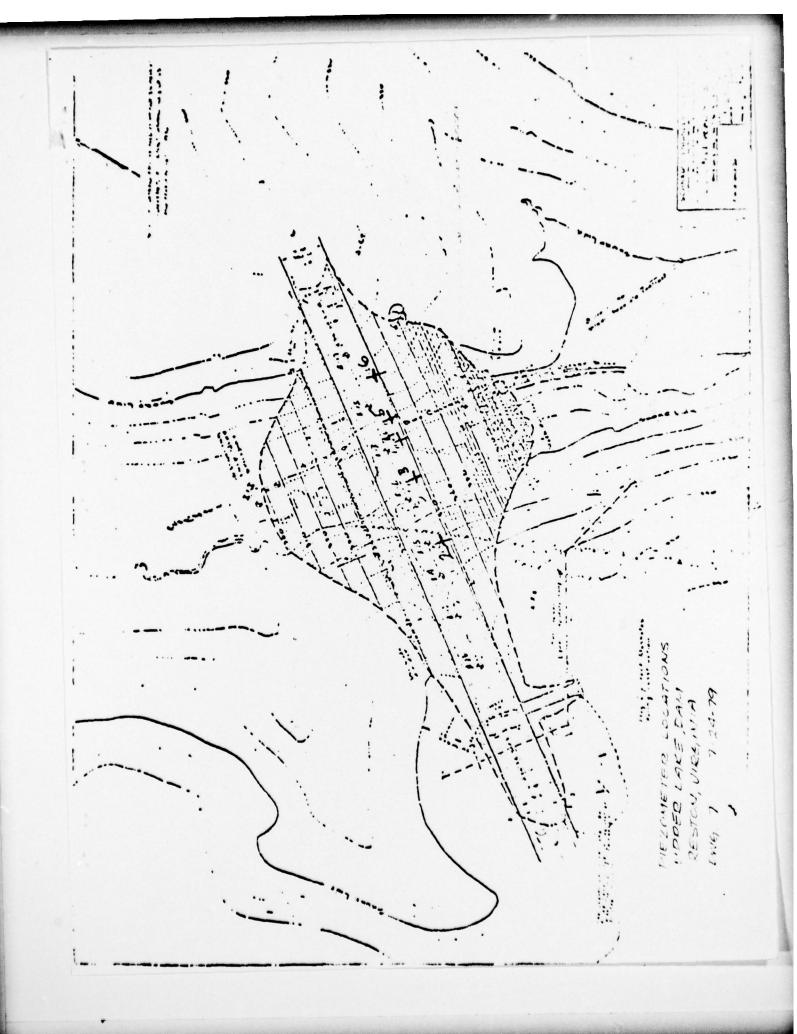
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### Water Loss or Gain During Drilling

Loss or gain of water during drilling at each test boring location was noted in the test boring logs. The loss of water occured almost always at the contact surface between various subsurface strata, particularly at the contact between Stratum C and Strata B and D (disintegrated rock and highly weathered and highly fractured phyllite rock, respectively). Loss of water was also indicated just below the contact of Stratum A (embankment fill) and Stratum B (natural soils) in Boring PZ-13. Both PZ-7 and PZ-8 indicated the loss of water while drilling through Strata B and C. However, water was regained in both holes when coring in Stratum C (rock).

The amount of flow seeping out of the area located just east of PZ-11 was monitored closely during the drilling of PZ-11. The flow was steady during drilling to a depth of 27 feet. At the same time, no water was observed within the hole. However, the seepage flow was immediately increased as soon as the drilling proceeded below 27 feet. From the test boring log, the 27-foot depth is about 2 feet below the top of the disintegrated rock surface. Apparently below this level joints are present in the rock which permitted the drilling water to flow laterally to a critical point where an upward flow erosion channel had been established in the past under the high peizometric pressure from the reservoir. The drilling water was then forced up under this additional pressure head and exited together with seepage water at the leakage point.

### Field Permeability Test Results

Variable head field permeability tests of the rock and the disintegrated rock of Strata D and C were conducted at the completion of each test boring prior to piezometer installation. In most cases, casings were driven to near the top of the Stratum C material (disintegrated rock). Water in each boring was bailed to a depth as low as possible. In Borings PZ-7, 8 and 11, the inflow of water after bailing was so fast that it made the bailing extremely difficult. However, a reasonable differential head was introduced to permit testing.

The test results were evaluated by using various formulae listed on Page 7-4-9 of MAVFAC DM 7 Manual. These tests were conducted with 3-1/2 inch casings seated into the upper regions of disintegrated rock of Stratum C, and after each hole was completed to the lowest level penetrated. The computed coefficients of permeability, which represent average permeability values of both Strata C and D rock, were as follows:

Boring No.	Coefficient of Pemreability, k (cm/sec)	
PZ-7	$6.0 \times 10^{-3}$ $5.1 \times 10^{-3}$	
PZ-8	$5.1 \times 10^{-3}$	
PZ-9	$3.1 \times 10^{-4}$	
PZ-11	$2.4 \times 10^{-2}$	
PZ-12	$3.4 \times 10^{-2}$	
PZ-13	$9.9 \times 10^{-3}$	
Average all tests	$8.1 \times 10^{-3}$	

### Data on Materials

Available data on the embankment material properties has been summarized in the May 25, 1978 report from Schnabel to Gulf Reston. This summary is as follows:

### **Graduation Test**

Unified Soil Classification:	ML-MH predominantly
Percent Passing No. 200 Sieve:	69 to 80%
Liquid Limit:	40 to 53%
Plastic Index:	9 to 21%

(One sample indicated to be nonplastic)

### Density Test

Laboratory (ASTM D-698, Method A)

Average	Max. Dry	Density		105 pc	cf
	Moisture		-	18%	

### Field

Average	Dry Density		100 pcf
Average	Moisture Content	-	20%
Average	Relative Compaction	-	95%

### APPENDIX V

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION OF PHASE I & PHASE III SCHNABEL ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES

### SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - PHASE I

Based on the engineering data contained in this report, the following summary of conclusions and recommendations is presented.

- a. The upper dam of Lake Elsa may be considered in the intermediate category since its maximum height is 60 ft. We considered the dam to be of a high hazard classification as there would be excessive and extensive economic loss to the community both upstream and downstream of the dam.

  b. The contract drawings and technical specifications for dam were reviewed for conformance with generally accepted principles of engineering practice. Our review of design and construction documents, and visual inspection of the dam did not reveal any serious deficiencies, except the following:
  - 1. Minor transverse cracking over downstream embankment surface.
  - 2. Suspected minor underseepage problem near and below downstream too of the dam.
  - 3. The sand filter bedding is located at the surface instead of being below the riprap at the downstream slope.
  - 4. Rocks accumulated within the end wall structure of box culvert.
  - 5. Minor erosion at the upper elevation of upstream slope protection.
  - 6. A spring located at about El 330 at the interface of the embankment and left abutment which is suspected to be the seepage water from reservoir.
- c. The lake level rising study made by Massey Engineers-Consultants indicates that the drop inlet spillway has the capacity of passing either a 100-year flood or a problem maximum flood (PMF) without overtopping the dam. However, under a PMF condition the reservoir will rise up to a level to cause first floor flooding for houses along the shoreline. The dam will also only have 0.88 ft left as freeboard under this PMF condition.

- d. Recommended measures for correcting the unfavorable conditions are presented in Section VI of the report. These recommendations are summarized as follows:
  - 1. Transverse cracking should be sealed off by itself once the settlement is completed. These crackings will not impose any danger for this low head, wide crest, and relatively flat sloped homogeneous dam.
  - 2. Install 2 to 3 piezometers on the downstream toe to observe the exit water pressure in order that the existence of excessive pressures in the rock joints can be either verified or disproved.
  - 3. Resurface and redress the downstream slope including the areas where transverse crackings occurred and the riprap slope protection and filter bedding.
  - 4. Raise the upstream riprap by one foot to El 342.5 for slope protection against wave action.
- e. The recommended procedures to locate and verify the source of the spring at El 330 are presented in section VII of this report. The corrective measures including field exploration and grouting operation are beyond the scope of this study.
- f. The following recommendations and further studies were also suggested in relation to the lake level raising study.
  - 1. Raise the crest elevation of the dam to El 351.77 such that a 1.88 ft freeboard may be attained for the dam under a PMF condition.
  - 2. Study the possibility of constructing additional discharging fatilities, e.g. an emergency spillway, to prevent the houses from flooding under a PMF condition.
- g. A risk analysis should be considered on the lower dam and reservoir area considering the most severe condition, i.e., if the upper dam were overtopped.

We have prepared this report in accordance with generally accepted geotechnical engineering practices, and make no other warranties, either expressed or implied, as to the professional services provided under the terms of this agreement and included in this report. SCHNABEL ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES

### I. SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - PHASE II

We have reached the following summary of conclusions and recommendations based upon the engineering data collected during Phase II investigation and presented in this report.

- a. The source of leakage at left abutment has been determined from the drilling of PZ-11, which is located within the embankment and is about 3.5 feet higher in elevation than that of the "spring". The interconnection of seepage water below the disintegrated rock between PZ-11 and the "spring" caused the drilling water and dye water in PZ-11 to flow out of the "spring" under excessive water pressure from the reservoir. The lake is therefore confirmed to be the source of this leakage.

  b. The existence of seepage underneath the dam through the highly fractured foundation rock has been verified from the following investigation results:
  - 1. Almost equal piezometric levels were recorded in piezometers

    located at the crest just upstream and downstream from the core

    trench. This indicates the ineffectiveness of the installed shallow

    core trench.
    - 2. The excessive water pressure at PZ-11 which was about 1.5 feet above the existing ground surface.
  - 3. Piezometric levels recorded in PZ-7 and 8 indicated about 1 to 2 feet above the base of the rockfill toe.
    - 4. The general wetness and softness at areas downstream from the rockfill toe.
    - 5. The numerous locations in the downstream valley where the dye water was observed. The dye water was injected into the foundation rock at PZ-9 located upstream at the crest.
- c. We have also evaluated the engineering properties of both soil and rock materials by conducting field and laboratory testing. Their results

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are presented in Sections III and V of this report. Both embankment fill and overburden soils may be classified as sandy clayey silt to sandy silt or type ML according to ASTM D-2487. The materials also have an average permeability value of 1.5 x  $10^{-5}$  cm/sec. The underlying foundation rock is phyllite rock of Wissahickon formation. The rock is generally highly weathered and highly fractured to the depths investigated. Furthermore, the rock also possess a prominent foliation which strikes northwest or about perpendicular to the dam axis. Field permeability tests indicated an average coefficient of permeability of 8.1 x  $10^{-3}$  cm/sec for this highly fractured rock mass, or at least 100 times more permeable than the embankment.

- d. Remedial measures for this upper dam are presented in Section VII.

  The remedial work should include the installation of a grout curtain in the left abutment and central portions of the dam at the location shown on Sheet 3, and the area grouting around the leakage point if required.

  General requirements of grout holes, grout materials, and grouting procedures were included in the same section.
- e. Other corrective measures, as addressed in our Phase I report, to decorrect the unfavorable physical appearance of the dam should also be implemented.

We have prepared this report in accordance with generally accepted a geotechnical engineering practices, and make no other warranties, either expressed or implied, as to the professional services provided under the terms of this agreement and included in this report.

We would recommend that the project specifications for remedial work contain the following statement:

"A geotechnical engineering report has been prepared for this project by Schnabel Engineering Associates using the guideline of Dam Safety Inspection Program prepared by Corps of Engineers. This report is available to prospective bidders for informational purposes only and should not be considered as part of the contract documents. The opinions expressed in this report are those of the geotechnical engineer and represent his interpretation of the subsurface conditions, field observations, tests, and the results of analyses which he has conducted. Should the data contained in this report not be adequate for the contractor's purposes, the contractor may make his own investigations, tests, and analyses for use in his bid preparations. The report may be examined by bidders at the owner's office or copies may be procured from Schnabel Engineering Associates at nominal charge."

Test boring data as shown by Drawings V78391-1 and -2 should be included in the contract documents and made available to prospective bidders.

APPENDIX VI

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